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FOR IDENTIFYING NODES ON A
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT # 1

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in a European Patent Office search requested by the Assignee in connection with preparing the petition for accelerated examination that is filed herewith. A copy of the EPO search report itself is also filed herewith.

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